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Greenbelt Students Head Back to School on Tuesday

School opens on August 23 for students in all Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS). Bell times, school lunch fees and other basics remain the same as in the last school year. Dora Kennedy French Immersion has a new principal, Parfait Awono, while all other Greenbelt schools will keep the same principals.

Transition Day

Transition Day will be Monday, August 22 for sixth, seventh and ninth grade students attending middle or high school for the first time. They will learn about their new schools and meet staff

members. Students who ride buses will be picked up and dropped off at their regular time and bus stop location. Parents with questions about Transition Day should contact their child's school.

Bus Stop Tips

Parents of registered students should receive a letter from PGCPS Transportation this week. The letter specifies the bus stop location, route number and pickup/drop off times. Parents can access bus stop information the week before school starts at pgcps.org under Parents, Bus Stop Search.

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Both Scaggses Retire After 30 and 35 Years with City

by Jill Connor

On Friday, August 12, Theresa and Karl Scaggs celebrated their upcoming retirement with family, friends, coworkers and employers with tears, laughter and a tiny little tractor. The couple, who met while they were both working for the City of Greenbelt, are both retiring on August 31 after 30 years in Human Resources (HR) for Theresa and 35 years in the Public Works Department for Karl.

It was an emotional night because these two employees "embody what I call the Greenbelt way," said Theresa's current boss Mary Johnson, the director of Human Resources. Johnson recalled when her home burned down on one of the coldest nights of the year. She turned around in the parking lot to find the Scaggses with a bag of supplies including clothing for her son and a hair dryer for Johnson. "She's been that for all employees," said Johnson. "Her title is human resources specialist but she is so much more." Johnson

explained that Theresa has helped every city employee for the last 30 years. "She's retired over 100 of our employees. Theresa's been a confidant to many employees, a friend to many employees and always lends an ear," she said. An example Johnson shared was when Theresa used her own leave to take an injured employee to physical therapy when the employee could not drive. "You can train people in HR but kindness and empathy and being comfortable talking to people, that's not something you can train in people," she stated.

"I don't think there was ever a harsh word," said Barbara Havekost, Theresa's first boss who retired 12 years after Theresa started. Havekost also said, "When I left I knew everything would keep going just like it had. Whoever came on behind me, there was no worry."

Theresa's irreplaceability is a trait shared with her husband Karl. Jim Sterling, the director

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PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Council recognizes police officers who received Lifesaving Awards. Front, l to r: MPO Michael Apgar, Officer Irelisse Fernández, MPO Michael Eppard, MPO Gerald Potts and Chief James Craze. Back, l to r: Mayor Emmett Jordan, Councilmembers Silke Pope, Edward Putens, Leta Mach, Judith Davis, Konrad Herling and Rodney Roberts.

City, Police Honor Officers Who Saved Lives, Welcome Recruits

by Kathleen Gallagher

Greenbelt was transformed into Bluebelt for a while on August 8, as Chief James Craze and other officers of the Police Department joined the city council at its regular meeting to honor seven of their members.

New Officers

First in line were the city's two newest police officers, David Howe and Ryan Patterson, to whom Mayor Emmett Jordan administered the oath of office. Both were accompanied by fam-

ily and friends. Both are 26 years old and will graduate from the Maryland Police and Corrections Training Academy on September 2.

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Pondering Zero Waste, Search Firms, Lake Path, Ballistic Doors

by Kathleen Gallagher

As reported in another article, the Greenbelt City Council meeting of August 8 opened with the swearing in of two new police officers and the presentation of other awards by the Police Department. One more presentation remained to be made, however, as Mayor Emmett Jordan read a proclamation declaring the week of September 1 to 7 as Zero Waste Week in Greenbelt.

The ultimate goal of zero waste is to have no trash sent to landfills or incinerators. This goal can be supported by reducing waste, reusing materials, composting food scraps and yard waste and increasing recycling. In addition to the benefits to the environment, practicing zero waste can support green employment and business opportunities.

Receiving the proclamation were a number of members of GreenACES, the Green Team and others. Susan Barnett gave an overview of anticipated activities, which she said would be further developed in articles in this newspaper in coming weeks. Noting that Zero Waste

Week will overlap with the Labor Day Festival, she said they can use more volunteers and urged anyone who can help to call the Public Works Department.

Other agenda items included selection of a search firm to as-

sist in filling the position of city manager, purchase of ballistic door panels for police vehicles, revisions to the Detailed Site Plan for Greenbelt Station Phase 3, a

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What Goes On

Friday, August 19

8 to 10 p.m., Family Swim Night, Aquatic & Fitness Center

Monday, August 22

8 p.m., Council Worksession with State Highway Administration on I-495/Greenbelt Station Interchange Project, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming on greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, August 23

3:30 p.m., Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Green Team Meeting, Community Center

Wednesday, August 24

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession with Franklin Park, Franklin Park Leasing Center

Thursday, August 25

7 p.m., Forest Preserve Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Aja Lozado sings and dances with the other elephants in the Creative Kids Camp show, Summer Circus, by Chris Cherry.

Letters to the Editor

"All Roads Lead From Greenbelt"

As a geographer and professional cartographer, I really enjoyed this story in the August 4 issue, it is very well done. But what especially tickled me was the appropriateness of the author's name, Anna Lemma Mercator.

Is Ms. Mercator a descendant, perchance, of Gerardus Mercator, the man who developed the map projection that bears his name? It is undoubtedly the most widely known and used projection of all time, although not necessarily the best, due to its extreme distortion in the far northern and southern latitudes of the globe. But his world map projection does, of course, portray the central meridian that forms the basis for the beginning of Ms. Mercator's article. I wonder if anyone else noticed this name's connection?

Jack Wittmann

P.S. My comment is rather belated, but I have been out of town and just now got to read the August 4 paper.

Editor's Note: Ms. Mercator is of humble origin and does not claim descent from so luminous a person. It is just fine with her if Mr. Mercator's projection results in the colder areas of the globe being disproportionately small since perhaps this will reduce the effects of global warming. Of more proletarian origin, she has merely put her one-viewgraph-deep and Greenbelt-centric view of the meridian to the task of amusing the readers of this paper. In a community positively crawling with astronomers, the multiple allusions in her pseudonym have indeed been noted by others.

Student Placement Needs Solution

Last week's paper raised concerns over student placement outside of Greenbelt schools for children living in the newly-developed Greenbelt Station residences. The city council believes students should be allowed to attend Greenbelt schools despite overcrowding. However, CEO Kevin Maxwell of the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) said students cannot always be placed within their municipality (quoted in GNR August 11). This seems wrong. Many people who have families and decide to move to an area look at the schools before moving.

The paper reported Director of the Office of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries John Del Jones-Brown said "In the northern parts of the county, there has been growth that is expected to continue . . . growth is an impediment to introducing new programs . . . they were not expecting any dramatic changes in the next couple of years" and school assignments are based on boundaries and can't be adjusted until the new residences have addresses.

I mean no disrespect to the head of the PGCPS; however, school overcrowding has been an issue in Greenbelt for a long time. ElementarySchools.org reported for the school year of 2012-2013, Greenbelt had 2,393 students in grades K-8 for four schools with a 14 to 4 teacher to student ratio in four schools. The

only solutions the county/state has provided include building a new Greenbelt Middle School with a capacity of 990 students and adding temporary trailers to schools to accommodate students – short-term solutions to a growing problem. However, the solution to use temporary trailers puts additional strain on schools to provide enough sanitary facilities, counseling, health facilities, lunchrooms and gymnasium space, and creates overcrowded halls, not to mention offers less choice in electives for students in upper grades.

Is busing students to other schools a good option? As a short-term fix yes, but this is unfair to people who decide to move to an area based on the school system.

Is it fair to tax the resources of other schools because the county/state won't build more schools in an area that needs them? No, all children lose, because it limits the resources available to students.

Is it fair to have children and parents make accommodations so children can get the education they need? No, this puts children's safety at risk because they have to ride a bus longer than necessary and maybe the area isn't as good.

Will students living in Greenbelt who attend other schools lose an opportunity for a city scholarship? Maybe.

Although PGCPS expects "no dramatic changes" in student population, I want to know what the school system and state's long-term solution is to this ongoing problem of school overcrowding. City-Data.com reports population growth in Prince George's County has been above the Maryland state average from 1970-2011. Births in this county have also been above state averages from 1990-2014 (City-Data.com). In addition, the percentage of families in Greenbelt is 55.1 percent versus the state average of 67.1 percent (City-Data.com). The bottom line, Greenbelt has a high proportion of families and needs more schools. The city, county and state need to closely examine school infrastructure needs and provide better long-term solutions before approving new housing projects.

Kathryn Beard

Food for Thought And the Pantry

The collection and distribution of food to Greenbelt families in need by the Ladies of Charity and the St. Hugh's Food Pantry is very important to the entire Greenbelt Community. Mr. Chao suggested that Greenbelters could have "a cupboard clear-out of non-perishable food." Hiding in the corners of all of our cupboards are out-of-date food and specialty items that we once purchased with gusto but we never get around to eating. Without any bad intent these items are often donated to food pantries but the staff simply has to sort through these items and dispose of those that are out of date or unsuitable for the families coming for assistance.

I would like to suggest an alternate way of gathering food to bring to their collection: purchase the food after giving thought

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City Notes

Horticulture/Parks crews completed new lattice and signage for the Turner Cemetery and started creating a new wooden sign for the Greenbelt Rotary butterfly garden. Crew also continued work on the Stream Valley Pedestrian bridge.

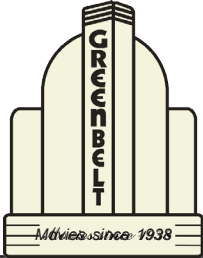
Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crew racked up and delivered 61 bags of broken-up block Styrofoam to a recycling plant.

Animal Control – three dogs and seven kittens were adopted, one injured baby squirrel was rescued, one cat and one dog were surrendered by their owner and nine stray kittens were impounded.

Session IV of summer camp ended on Friday, with trips to Hershey Park, Port Discovery, Great Waves Water Park and a Bowie Baysox game. Creative Kids Camp and Circus Camp held their end-of-session shows.

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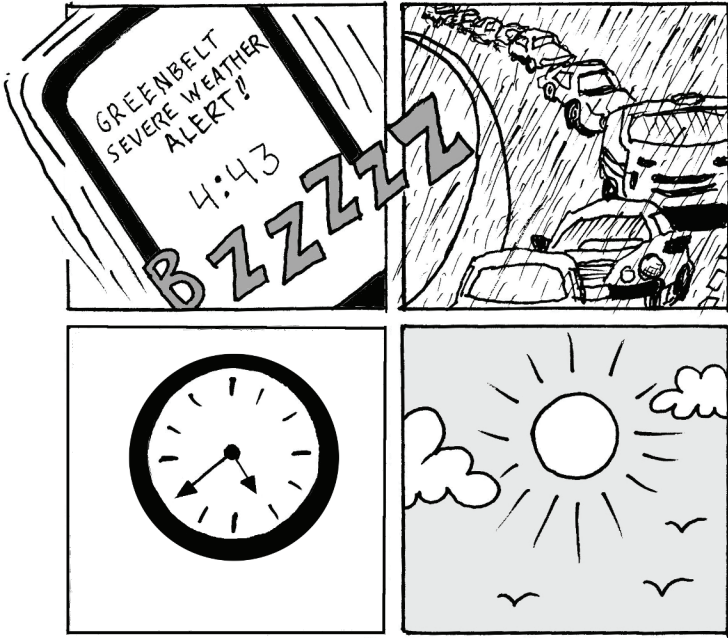
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Sun. 12:30 PM (OC)
Mon. 7:45 PM
Tues. 2:45 PM
Wed. & Thurs. 7:45 PM

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Sat. 11:00 AM

Building Bridges Series:
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(PG-13) (101 m.)
Sun. 3:30 PM – FREE!

Storytime on Screen:
Mon. 10:30 AM – FREE!

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Pete Reppert

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See next week's issue for the full schedule.

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Community Events

GAIL Offers Free Produce Distribution

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program will have a free produce distribution on Thursday, August 25 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road. Do not park in the parking lot. Volunteers will be on site to help load cars. Bring rolling carts or luggage with wheels to take items from the distribution. The next distribution will be Thursday, September 22.

Beltway Plaza Hosts Immunization Clinic

Does your child still need immunizations for school? Come to a free summer immunization clinic for students entering kindergarten or grade 7 or repeating grade 9 on Saturday, August 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Beltway Plaza.

Prince Georges County Public Schools is partnering with the Maryland Partnership for Prevention and Kaiser Permanente to provide free immunizations.

You must bring the exclusion letter you received from your child’s school to provide information on your child’s immunization needs. Please note that students who are still missing required immunizations will be excluded from school on the first day.

For info on immunization requirements, upcoming clinics, and FAQs, visit www1.pgcps.org/schoolhealth/immunizations.

Biota Club Hosts Nature Walk

Greenbelt Biota is a club that studies the natural history of Greenbelt. The group meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt MakerSpace and also hosts monthly walks.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13. The next walk will be to Lake Artemesia on Saturday, September 24. Meet at 10 a.m. at the parking lot at 55th Avenue and Berwyn Road.

At the Library

Weekly Ready 2 Read Storytimes: Wednesday, August 24, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, August 25, ages birth to 2, 10:15 and 11:15, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Encourage your child to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library’s storytimes. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the information desk immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

School Choice Forum

A televised community forum on school choice will take place on Saturday, August 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Selecting a school for a child is a serious decision. Participants will share their views about various school models to help parents broaden their knowledge about the various forms of schooling currently available. What does home schooling mean? How are charter schools organized and run? What services are available in public schools for special situations and circumstances?

Participants include: Beth McCracken-Harness, director of religious education at the Interfaith Families Project and co-founder of Parents of Ill or Pregnant Students; Cortland Jones, a Prince Georges’ County Public Schools educator and chief executive officer of The Better Place; Beth Novick, parent advocate; Chanita Williams, director at Classical Conversations (home school tutorial program); Malia Murray, executive director of Greenbelt Access Television; Michael Hartman and Lois Rosado. The panel moderator will be Judith Davis, city councilmember and former school teacher.

Writers Group Plan Anthology

The August meeting of the Greenbelt Writers Group (GWG) will be held on Friday, August 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The main topic of discussion is the new GWG anthology. Writers are requested to bring in a printout of poetry or stories they are considering submitting for the anthology. Bring any old GWG anthologies for review as we design the new work. All Greenbelt writers are welcome at the meeting. For more information, contact Mary Moien at 301-474-4713.

Astronomical Society About Solar Eclipse

The August 25 meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will feature a presentation by Sue Bassett on preparations for viewing the August 21, 2017 total solar eclipse, the first in many years to be visible from the United States. Bassett is a veteran of many worldwide eclipse trips and will offer advice on taking full advantage of this rare opportunity.

The meeting will be held in the planetarium of the Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome and admission is free.

GHI Notes

Thursday, August 18, 7 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, August 18, 8 p.m., Joint meeting Board/Finance (Preliminary 2017 Budget), Board Room

Monday, August 22, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Wednesday, August 24, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room

Tuesday, August 30, 8:30 a.m., Yardlines Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, September 1, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Children and Animals Safety Workshop

Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS) will hold a free Children and Animals Safety Workshop on Sunday, August 28 from 2 to 3 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. Volunteers and professional dog trainers will teach children ages 5 to 10 and parents about dogs and cats, with particular emphasis on identifying an animal’s stress signals, how to approach unfamiliar animals, what to do if approached by an unfamiliar dog off leash and how to supervise and monitor children and dogs to avoid dog bites.

The workshop is made possible by the Jim Cassels Community Service Award and in partnership with Your Dog’s Friend (a non-profit organization with the mission of keeping dogs out of shelters by offering workshops and training) and the City of Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Register your children by sending an email to wagsgbas@gmail.com or calling 301-312-9603. Specify the number of children and adults attending and the ages of the children. The next workshop will be on Sunday, October 23 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center.

Kids Open Mic At New Deal Café

There will be a Kids open mic at the New Deal Café on Sunday, August 21 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The open mic takes place on the third Sunday of every month. Those aged 17 and under are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, juggle, recite a poem or otherwise perform.

Performers should RSVP to Rebecca Holober at bbholober@comcast.net at least one day before the date of appearance; they may include a brief bio that will be read as the performer is introduced (where performer is from, title of songs presented, musical influences, fun facts, etc.).



Forest Preserve Stream Clean Up

On Saturday, August 27 from 10 a.m. until noon, the Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Celebrate the Greenbelt Forest Preserve, CHEARS and the City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works are sponsoring a volunteer event to clean up streams in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve.

Meet at Northway extended near the ballfields and Observatory. Gloves and bags will be provided. Volunteers should wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes for possible muddy stream banks and bring a reusable water bottle.

High school students are reminded to bring their service-learning forms.

For more information contact Valerie Elliott at valandmabel@gmail.com.

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Week of August 19

FRIDAY – WEDNESDAY

Ben-Hur, in 3D**, PG13 9:40
Ben-Hur, in 2D, PG13 11:55, 3:45, 6:45
The Secret Life of Pets, PG 11:25, 1:45, 4, 7, 9:30
Suicide Squad, PG13 11, 1:55, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10
Sausage Party, R 11:20, 1:45, 4:30, 7:35, 10
Pete’s Dragon, PG 11:20, 1:45, 4:10, 7:10, 9:35
Kubo and the Two Strings, in 3D**, PG 1:35, 9:15
Kubo and the Two Strings, in 2D, PG 11, 4:05, 6:50
War Dogs, R 11, 1:35, 4:10, 7, 9:45
Jason Bourne, PG13 11:10, 1:55, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10

THURSDAY

Don’t Breathe, R 7:25, 9:35
Mechanic: Resurrection, R 7, 9:50
The Hands of Stone, R 7, 9:30
Ben-Hur, in 3D**, PG13 9:40
Ben-Hur, in 2D, PG13 11:55, 3:45, 6:45
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Letters continued

to what a family might need to remain healthy. With a little forethought the food that we purchase to donate can be a way of supporting our neighbors. Breakfast items like iron-fortified cold cereal, oatmeal, canned fruit and shelf-stable milk contain nutrients (vitamins that have been fortified in the cereals, vitamin C, calcium, iron, fiber) that are especially needed by the elderly, women and children who are in danger of suffering from food insecurity. Lunch items such as canned tuna or chicken, peanut butter and jelly, and lower salt soups provide needed calories, protein and diversity to the families. Dinner items such as pasta sauce and pasta, rice and dried beans and canned vegetables offer nutrients and variety to the families in need. Cooking basics such as vegetable oil, flour and sugar enable the families to feel free

to cook in their own tradition. Lacking adequate storage, food pantries are not able to provide products that need refrigeration or freezer space, so it is especially important that the food items we donate have maximum nutrient value.

In the food pantry where I have worked for 14 years, we often see an increase in demand for food as schools open and then again in the winter months of January through March. This later period is a crucial time for food pantries, as seasonal labor is at its lowest and the holiday giving is past. Therefore, I congratulate the Greenbelt Co-op and the Ladies of Charity on their new project and pray that the generous Greenbelt community remembers these families well after the Labor Day Festival, past the holidays and into the winter months.

Joan Marie Conway

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of August 22 are as follows:

Monday, August 22: Swiss steak with gravy, whipped potatoes, glazed baby carrots, wheat bread, fruit cocktail, apple juice.

Tuesday, August 23: Breaded pollock, O'Brien potatoes, diced beets, wheat roll, tartar sauce, fresh fruit, orange juice.

Wednesday, August 24: Vegetable soup with crackers, sliced turkey with rye bread and mustard, mixed green salad with Thousand Island dressing, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Thursday, August 25: Roast beef with gravy, lima beans, honey mustard vegetables, wheat bread, diced pears, cranberry juice.

Friday, August 26: Pork loin with coffee sauce, buttermilk potatoes, seasoned cabbage with carrots, cornbread, Mandarin oranges, apple juice.

Tryouts and ABA Team Competition at ERHS

The American Basketball Association (ABA) expansion team PG Valor will be having their home games this season on Saturday nights at 8 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS).

Player tryouts will be on Friday, August 26. The spirit squad/dance team tryouts will be on Friday, September 9. Both tryouts will be held at New 24 Fitness and Basketball (the former Run and Shoot gym) in Forestville from 6 to 9 p.m.

Team owner LaDonna M. Smith is a former Greenbelter, so having the team in Greenbelt was a priority.

PG Valor will compete in the ABA from November through May against other teams in the Chesapeake Division including teams from New York, D.C., Baltimore, Virginia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, with hopes of continuing to the championship game to be held next summer.

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School Meal Prices

Student breakfast: \$1.60; elementary lunch: \$2.75; secondary lunch: \$3.00. Milk alone will be \$0.55.

The required forms to apply for free or reduced-price meals can be obtained at each school and will be sent home with children. Parents may also call 301-952-6517.

Registration

Registration is ongoing at all local public schools. Registration packets can be picked up from school offices during regular office hours. A copy of the child's immunization record is required, as well as the social security number, proof of residency and proof of age. For more information go to pgcps.org/backtoschool.

Schedules Online

Schedules for registered students should be available online via the SchoolMax Family Portal on the PGCPs website on August 22. Students moving up to middle or high school will use the same log-in information that was used in elementary school.

Before and After Care

The PGCPs operates school-age child care programs at Greenbelt Elementary, Magnolia Elementary and Springhill Lake Elementary schools. Child care begins every regular school day at 7 a.m. and operates until the start of the school day.

The afternoon session begins at the end of the school day and operates until 6 p.m. There is a fee. For further information go to pgcps.org/beforeandafterschoolelp/ or call 240-724-1675.

Parent-Teacher Organizations

Most of the local schools have some kind of parent teacher organization and many of these have their own websites or a page on the school's website giving additional information about the schools and how to volunteer.






Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
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We send our condolences to Ann Bandreth Potter and Jeff King on the death of Ann's father, Oswald Potter.

Greenbelt welcomes a new exchange student, Oleksandra Lapchenkova, hosted by Linda Curtis. Born in Ukraine, Lapchenkova now lives in Hanover, Germany, and goes by the shorter name 'Aleks.' We hope Greenbelters will welcome Aleks as she spends a year as a junior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LINDA CURTIS

Exchange Student Oleksandra Lapchenkova will spend a year as an ERHS junior.

Congratulations on their retirement to Theresa and Karl Scaggs and best wishes to Eli and Lucy Flam in their new Florida location.

The News Review staff sends a hearty farewell to colleague Eli Flam and his wife Lucy. We wish you well. Greenbelt will miss you both.

Send complete details on your news to kyoho@comcast.net or 202-957-3072.

- Karen Yoho

PTSA Meeting At ERHS Tuesday

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) will meet on Tuesday, August 23 at 7 p.m. in the school media center. At this first gathering of the year, meet the PTSA board and the school principal and find out how to get involved.

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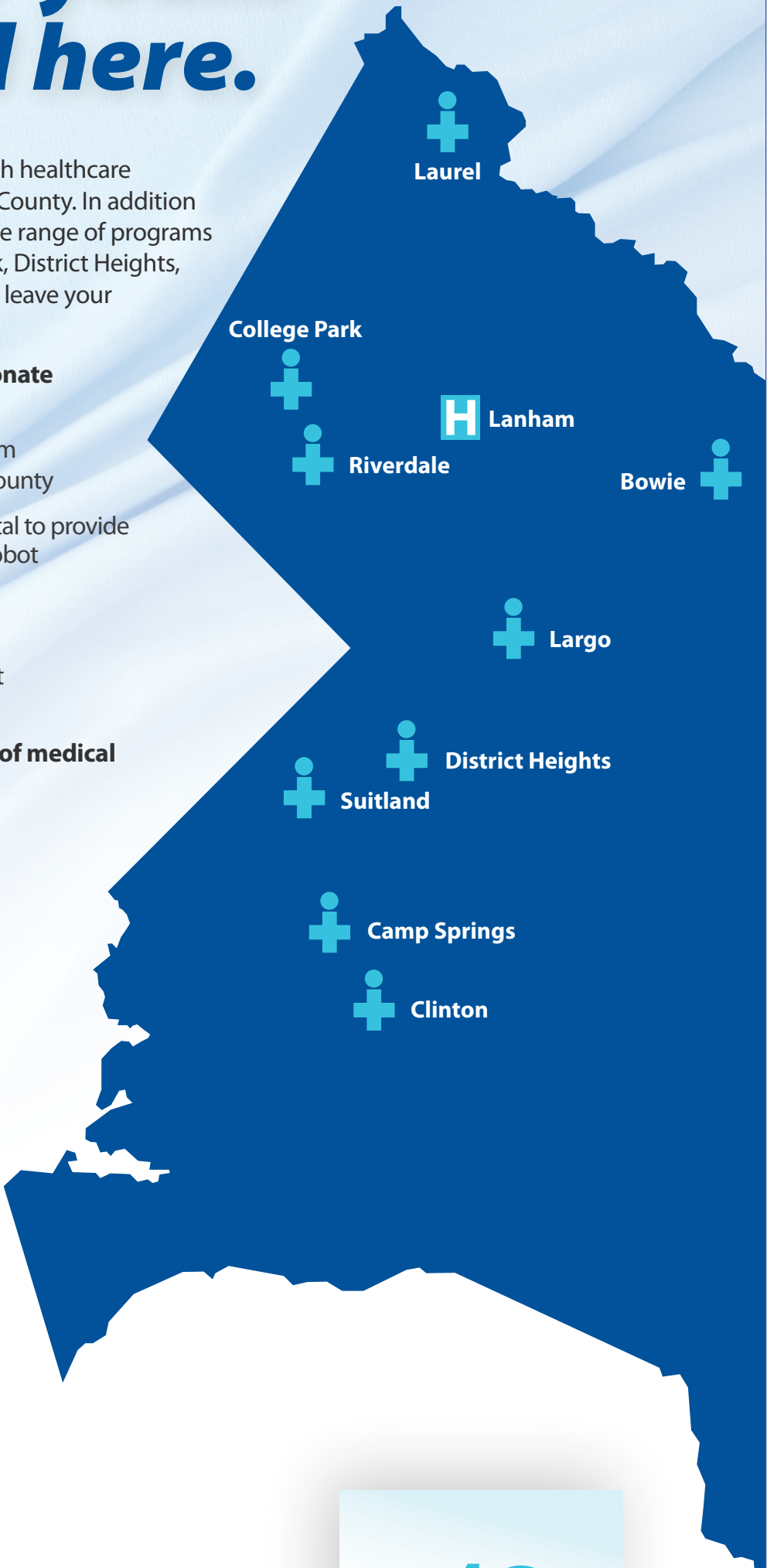
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Greenbelt History in Photos

Garden City Precedents

by James Giese

(This is the second in a series of historic photograph presentations that help tell the story of Greenbelt's early history. The photos in this story are from the Library of Congress Greenbelt Project files.)

Architects Clarence Stein and Henry Wright fostered the garden city concept in America. They planned the town of Radburn, N.J., which was to consist of three neighborhoods, each centered around an elementary school. While construction of the first section took place, the

Depression caused the project to fold. Radburn is now a part of Fairlawn, N.J. Clarence Stein was the mentor of William Conklin, who went on to design the new town of Reston, Va. Stein and Wright also were advisers to the Resettlement Administration on building Greenbelt and its two sister green towns, Greendale, Wisc., and Green Hills, Ohio.

A unique design feature of Radburn was its pedestrian underpasses of main streets, which are present in Greenbelt.



Aerial photo of Radburn, New Jersey



Radburn underpass.

Used Books Sought

During August the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA is collecting used books to sell at its used book sale at the Labor Day Festival. Small book donations may be dropped off at the Co-op Supermarket or Greenbriar condos no later than Wednesday, August 31. At-home pickup for large donations within the 20770 zip code can be arranged; leave a message at 956-639-6434. Large donations are tax deductible; just ask for a receipt. It is easiest for the PTA to handle boxed books packed spine

side up and sorted by fiction or nonfiction. DVDs, CDs, books on tape, records, games and puzzles are also accepted. The book sale does not take encyclopedia sets, dictionaries, phone books, newspapers or magazines. As of 2016 the sale will no longer accept VHS tapes or music cassettes. Money raised through the book sale is used by the PTA to support school events, arts, music and science programs, for teacher appreciation and student rewards and to purchase needed items. More details are available at bit.ly/1BcbF4k.

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County native, having grown up in Fairmount Heights and graduated from Parkdale High School. At Parkdale, he was on the wrestling team all four years, going undefeated in singles competition during his senior year and placing third in the county and fifth in the regional tournament. Following other jobs, he entered security work six years ago. He says that was the first time he was actually excited about going to work, which sparked his interest in policing and eventually brought him to Greenbelt.

Born in McKeesport, Pa., Patterson subsequently moved to Montgomery County, where he graduated from Wooten High School in Rockville. He received an associates degree from Montgomery College and is now close to completing a bachelor degree in criminal justice at the University of Maryland. Patterson has worked as a personal trainer and as a security guard. He looks forward to having a positive influence on the Greenbelt community as a police officer.

Lifesaving Awards

Chief Craze presented Greenbelt Police Lifesaving Awards to four officers for outstanding service and actions that resulted in their saving the lives of others. On December 13, 2015, MPO Gerald Potts responded to a call in Greenbelt East regarding someone who was unconscious. During an initial assessment, the individual stopped breathing and was successfully resuscitated by Potts. Before the fire department arrived, however, the person stopped breathing again. Potts was once again able to resuscitate the individual, who continued to breathe until being transported to Doctors Community Hospital.

MPO Michael Eppard engaged in two successful rescues. On April 14, he and other officers arrived at a residence in Greenbelt West in response to a call about a juvenile who had attempted suicide and was now unresponsive. Eppard successfully resuscitated and revived the individual, who was then taken to Laurel Hospital.

On June 4, officers responded to a call about a cutting in Greenbelt West. Eppard located the victim, who was bleeding profusely from a wound to a vein leading to the femoral artery. Eppard used a tourniquet to slow the bleeding and applied pressure until the arrival of the fire department. The emergency room physician at Washington Hospital Center said it was only because of the prompt use of the tourniquet that the victim was alive.

MPO Michael Apgar and Officer Irelisse Fernández responded to a call on an attempted suicide in Greenbelt East on July 7. Apgar found that the person had



Council recognizes new police officers. Front, l to r: Mayor Emmett Jordon, new police officers David Howe and Ryan Patterson, Chief James Craze. Back, l to r: Councilmembers Edward Putens, Silke Pope, Konrad Herling and Rodney Roberts.

Photos by Beverly Palau



Council recognizes the County Police Civilian Employee of the Year Shaniya Lashley-Mullen. Front, l to r: Lashley-Mullen and Chief James Craze. Back, l to r: Councilmembers Edward Putens, Judith Davis, Silke Pope and Konrad Herling.

no pulse and took over CPR from the family member who had been administering it. Apgar continued CPR until Fernández arrived with an automated external defibrillator, but it was decided that it was not advisable to administer shock. The officers continued CPR until the fire department arrived. The victim had regained a pulse and was taken to Prince George's Hospital Center.

Employee of the Year

Craze recognized Shaniya Lashley-Mullen for receiving the Police Chiefs Association of Prince George's County Civilian Employee of Year award in June. Craze said the especially impressive thing is that this is the second time Lashley-Mullen has received this award, which is open to countywide competition. After working as a communications specialist and as a re-

cords specialist II in the Police Department for 14 years, Lashley-Mullen moved to the city manager's office as an administrative assistant this summer. While in the Police Department, she coordinated National Crime Information Center (NCIC) information as well as other programs and played a leadership role in the vital work of merging and scanning reports into the department's systems to enhance the speed and accuracy of record retrieval. In addition to the performance of her job duties, she was recognized for her active engagement in community outreach for the department, including volunteer work with the annual Greenbelt "Shop with a Cop" program, the department's Labor Day Community Booth and her unforgettable appearances in the role of McGruff the Crime Dog.

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Explore Your Greenbelt

Beltway Plaza’s Biggest Fan: Carolyn Lambright-Davis

by Yeri Zinn

Carolyn Lambright-Davis is highly involved in the Greenbelt community. She has lived in Greenbelt for the last seven years in Franklin Park. She volunteers with a number of Greenbelt organizations. Lambright-Davis is the convener (chair) for the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) and she leads a CHEARS group of students that make up the Earth Squad, an after school program focused on keeping the world green. She teaches Sunday school to second and third graders at Eastern Community Church in Landover, where she also volunteers with the church’s environmental team of volunteers working to make the church more green.

Before actively volunteering in her community, Lambright-Davis worked as a life-skills instructor for elementary school students in grades 3 to 5 for Prince George’s County schools.

“Everything I do is aimed to enlighten, empower and expose children and others to the community around them. I want to create a sense that helping others and giving back to your community is fun and rewarding,” she says.

As an active community volunteer, Lambright-Davis works with and supports community activities at Beltway Plaza, like the recent National Night Out, a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships. In addition to National Night Out, Beltway Plaza hosts events for all ages including a back-to-school fashion show, free card making activities for Mother’s Day and Father’s Day, concerts with genres ranging from jazz to mariachi to folk and a free summer movie series at the Academy 8 Theaters. Lambright-Davis uses these events as opportunities to take groups of students for fun and free outings.

Lambright-Davis sees Beltway Plaza as much more than a shopping center. To her it is also an anchor to the social life of the Greenbelt West community. She is often at the Silver Diner for social gatherings and group meetings, greeting her neighbors as she shops at the stores and attends the free community events.

She highly recommends Beltway Plaza to other citizens of Greenbelt because it is a family friendly environment with many mom-and-pop stores that are getting harder to find nowadays. It is easy to get to via local buses. She always feels good about supporting local businesses when she shops at Beltway Plaza where the staff, including the security team, is friendly, efficient and courteous.

Another notable about Beltway Plaza’s support of the community is its Wall of Fame created in 2013 to honor local citizens from Prince George’s County. Inductees include community leaders, educators, sports figures and members of law enforcement. Two prominent Greenbelt inductees include Judith Davis, Greenbelt councilmember and former mayor, and the Reverend Daniel Hamlin. Lambright-Davis takes the student groups to the Wall of Fame to show them the “movers

and shakers” of Greenbelt – notable citizens who really make a difference in the community. The Wall of Fame is a place where local role models are celebrated and the youth are inspired.

It is not hard to see why Lambright-Davis loves being at Beltway Plaza. It is much more than a shopping center; it is continually giving back to the surrounding community where she and her family live.

Beltway Plaza, along with the Greenbelt News Review and Paradyme Management, is a sponsor of the Greenbelt Community Foundation’s (GCF) 10th anniversary celebration campaign, Explore Your Greenbelt. The campaign is a series of monthly events and activities that features organizations GCF has funded in Greenbelt that make a difference in the community.

To help celebrate, Beltway Plaza is hosting a Back-to-School Community Family Day, Saturday, August 27 from 2 to 6 p.m. on the upper level in front of Shopper’s World and Big Lots at 6000 Greenbelt Road. WKYS Radio will be on hand to entertain the crowd plus the plaza’s own Balloon Clown and Plaza Woman will be giving away keys to the Beltway Plaza Treasure Chest. People can win prizes if their key opens the chest. Other prizes can be won by entering the free raffles. Prizes include a trip to Ocean City.

All are invited to attend to learn about these organizations and how GCF lives out its mission of “nourishing all of Greenbelt’s neighborhoods.”

Yeri Zinn is an intern working with the Greenbelt Community Foundation.



Labor Day Festival Volunteers Needed

Be a part of the zero-waste efforts by promoting recycling, composting and reusable water bottles at the 2016 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival in the Roosevelt Center.

Make a positive impact on the community and the environment by informing festival-goers about zero-waste efforts. High school students will be awarded service-learning hours for training and hours served during the festival.

Hourly volunteer shifts available. Meet at the Public Works booth during these times:

Friday, September 2 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, September 4 from noon to 8 p.m.

For volunteers to be effective, they should attend one of the training sessions to be held on Thursday, August 25 and Monday, August 29 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Department of Public Works building, 555 Crescent Road (beyond the parking lot at Buddy Attick Park).

RSVP to signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-greenbelt. For more information, contact Erin Josephitis at erinjosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2168.

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grant application for playground renovation, and approval for a resident to construct a temporary connection to the Buddy Attick Park path.

Petitions and Requests

During the Petitions and Requests segment of the meeting, Colin Byrd of Mathew Street presented a request that the city council adopt an anti-discrimination ordinance providing protections based on sexual orientation, gender expression and gender identity, including letting transgender people use public bathrooms that correspond with their gender identity, rather than their gender at birth and barring business from refusing services to same-sex couples. He said although the State of Maryland has enacted a law providing some protections, it is not comprehensive since it exempts churches, clubs and - most importantly - schools.

In addition to taking a public stand on these issues for reasons of equity and civil rights, Byrd cited pragmatic reasons for doing so, including the city’s bid for the new FBI facility and the lack of protections for transgender individuals in the rival state of Virginia.

Robert Snyder of Hillside Road requested that the city look into issues with its cablecasting of city council meetings and worksessions. He said there are times when there is no audio accompanying the video when he tries to watch on Comcast. He also said that as far as he can determine, meetings and worksessions are no longer replayed on the public information stations during the week.

Executive Search

The city council had held a series of closed meetings to determine whether to contract the services of an executive search firm to assist them in identifying candidates to fill the position of city manager. Current City Manager Michael McLaughlin will retire at the end of the year. Five firms responded to a selective solicitation. Of those, council interviewed representatives of four, whose bids all fell within a narrow range. Council then conducted second interviews with two of the firms, GovHR and the Novak Group.

Six of the councilmembers came into the meeting split three to three on the two companies. Nonetheless, all six spoke very highly of both, saying either company had the capability to do a very good job. Supporting Novak were the mayor and Councilmembers Konrad Herling and Silke Pope. Supporting GovHR were Councilmembers Edward Putens, Leta Mach and Judith Davis.

While there were several points of divergence of opinion, the major difference appeared to be that supporters of GovHR preferred its more national experience and its currently being less involved in searches local to Greenbelt. Those supporting Novak thought that this company’s greater local experience would be of more value to Greenbelt in the current environment in which a number of competitive searches are taking place.

Roberts refused to give any reasons for supporting a choice of one firm over another and instead apologized to the residents of Greenbelt for the selection of the firm not having been a

completely open process. He said the city manager works for the residents. Davis replied that it is the council that is elected by the residents to assume responsibility for contracts, which is all that was being undertaken at the time. Putens added that the process of the search itself would be as open as possible and that seeking community opinion at that point is appropriate and a priority.

Council voted unanimously to suspend its standing rules, which was necessary to enable making a decision that night without bringing the matter back for a second reading. A motion to adopt a resolution to contract with Novak failed. A motion to adopt a resolution to contract with GovHR at a cost of up to \$21,000 then passed 4 to 3, with Councilmember Rodney Roberts joining the vote to support GovHR with no further explanation.

Ballistic Door Panels

At its July regular meeting, the city council approved the purchase of five Ford Police SUVs but asked whether ballistic door panels were an option for these vehicles. The Police Department solicited the vendor for a quote and found the panels would cost \$4,830 per vehicle, raising the price to \$24,150.

Lt. Gordon Pracht thanked the council for having raised this option as a possibility. Since it was determined it could be covered by the Police Department budget, council voted to support it. Pracht pointed out that this would likely become an ongoing expenditure. He said at this time the department’s recommendation would be to limit the panels to marked cars as they are replaced, while not retrofitting any cars and not using them on unmarked cars.

Phase 3 DSP

In April the Prince George’s County Planning Board approved the Detailed Site Plan (DSP) for Greenbelt Station, Phase 3. According to Community Planner Jessica Bellah, the majority of the city’s conditions were incorporated. The revised site plans from Woodlawn Development Group had now come back to the city council for approval.

The only issue flagged by city staff for council review was that two houses no longer met the city’s requirement that there be a setback of at least four feet between sidewalks and privately owned homes. Staff recommended that instead of the one-foot setback presented in the revised plan, a setback of at least three feet be required, with the landscape buffer between

the sidewalk and the street then reduced to at least two feet. The city council approved the revised plans with that change on a 6 to 1 vote with Roberts objecting to the generally increased density of the project.

Justin Frye, representing the developer, told council that sales are good at Greenbelt Station. About 140 permits have been pulled, with 100 houses occupied and 40 under construction.

Playground Proposal

Last year the city’s application to the State Community Parks and Playgrounds Program to renovate the Community Center playground was not funded. Although that was the first time the city had been denied funding since the program started in 2002, it was also the case that the program’s funding was halved last year.

City staff recommended that the same project be submitted this year, with a restructuring of the budget to include cost sharing of 25 percent (\$42,228) by the city. The renovated playground would serve children 2 to 5 and would be significantly redesigned. The council voted unanimously to support the plan.

Access to Lake Path

Lawrence Schmid, a resident of Maplewood Court, requested permission to construct a path that would span from his property line to the Buddy Attick Park Lake path. About 40 feet of this path would be on city property. Schmid has mobility limitations requiring that he use a walker or an electric scooter to get around. He has an accessible ramp from his house to the rear of his property. Extending the path as requested would give him a way to travel to Roosevelt Center.

The council voted to approve the request by granting an exception to what would otherwise be a violation of the city’s Greenbelt Lake encroachment policy. Schmid will maintain the path, which will be made of a crushed stone compatible with the lake path. The need for the path will be reviewed every two years, and it will be removed at the resident’s expense if no longer needed.

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

DWI/DUI
August 7, 5:04 p.m., 6300 block Cherrywood Lane. A 47-year-old resident was arrested and charged with alcohol- and other traffic-related violations after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Robbery
August 4, 2:24 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A young man approached a cashier at Fallas Discount Store in an aggressive manner and grabbed at something in his waistband. Another young man, who appeared to be a lookout, called out to him and both fled on foot. They are described as black, 18 to 20 years old, 5'6" tall with thin builds wearing light blue shirts and blue jeans.

Assault
August 5, 12:01 p.m., 10 block Empire Place. A 20-year-old resident was arrested and charged with first and second degree assault after he allegedly stabbed a person during a verbal altercation. The person was treated on the scene for lacerations to both hands and the arrestee was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft
August 8, 2:15 p.m., Woodland Way near Hillside Road. An unsecured dark purple bicycle was taken.

August 8, 8:30 p.m., 44 Court Ridge Road. An orange Cortina mountain bike was taken from the front yard of a residence.

August 10, 12:08 p.m., 5400 block Stream Bank Lane. Countertops were taken from three homes under construction.

Misuse
August 9, 3:49 p.m., Spellman Overpass. A 12-year-old nonresident was arrested for misuse of an emergency call box after he allegedly activated the call box at the Spellman Overpass. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Trespass
August 6, 12:04 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A 22-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass by officers responding to a report of a suspicious, occupied vehicle. He was found to have been banned from Franklin Park Apartments by agents of the property and was released on citation pending trial.

August 8, 2:10 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 51-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass after he entered Safeway after having been banned from the establishment by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary
August 9, 2:12 p.m., 5500

block Cherrywood Lane. The front door of Demmy's Pharmacy was forced open. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Vandalism
August 4, 3:30 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. The window screen of a residence was vandalized.

August 6, 8:20 p.m., 14 Court Ridge Road. A sidewalk lamp and light pole were vandalized.

August 7, 9:45 a.m., 13 Court Ridge Road. A window pane of a bedroom window was broken.

Vehicle Crime
A 2013 Cadillac CTS reported stolen August 2 from the 9300 block Edmonston Road was recovered August 10 in the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive.

Four thefts from vehicles were reported. Two occurred in the 9100 block Edmonston Road, where sections of a front grill were removed from one vehicle and in another a rear passenger window was broken out and a credit card, social security card and driver's license were removed. In the 9300 block Edmonston Road a trunk was entered and a laptop computer was removed. In the 100 block Westway four tires and rims were taken.

Ten acts of vandalism were reported. Rear windows were broken out in 7 and 13 Courts Ridge Road, one each, and a windshield was shattered in 7 Court Ridge Road. In the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace a rear bumper was vandalized, 200 block Lakeside Drive two gas tanks were punctured and 7500 block Mandan Road a tire was slashed. Paint was scratched on one vehicle in the 6100 block Breezewood Court and one on 200 block Lakeside Drive. In the 7800 block Hanover Parkway an engine compartment was tampered with and the car's interior was vandalized.

Police Will Conduct Sobriety Checkpoint

On Saturday, August 20 the Greenbelt Police Department will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint in the area of Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The objective of this checkpoint is both to deter motorists from driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol and to arrest those who ignore the dangers of getting behind the wheel while impaired. This checkpoint is funded by the Maryland Department of Transportation.

For further information, please contact MPO Scott Yankow at 240-542-2114 or syankow@greenbeltmd.gov.

Eli Flam: Have Pen, Will Travel

by Jim Link

Soon Eli Flam and his wife Lucy will emigrate from Greenbelt, fly south to the sunnier and, presumably, healthier climate of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, where they will live near Lucy's daughter, Dr. Anna Raevsky, a veterinarian, her husband and their three children.

Soon we will no longer see Eli sporting his tan, floppy safari hat as he meanders through Roosevelt Center or walks around Greenbelt Lake. Soon we will no longer see him play Senior Citizen softball or read his byline in the Greenbelt News Review or hear him quietly declaim his thoughtful poetry at the New Deal Café poetry slams or endure his frequent groan-worthy puns.

After reading one of his poems, he asked me if I thought he was barking up the wrong tree with such doggerel. In another poem, Eli, a quirky etymologist, invented a portmanteau word which answers a question of cosmic import: "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" The "Chegg!" Both!

Eli's wonderful conversation during our many long, lazy lunches together at the New Deal Café and the Beijing restaurant has shown me that he is a world-traveling, fiercely observant, deeply caring, ink-stained wretch. The list of his literary and journalistic credits is longer than a Fidel Castro speech or Joe DiMaggio's hitting streak.

The writing bug bit Eli early and permanently at Abraham Lincoln High School in Brooklyn, where he wrote for the student newspaper "The Lincoln Log," and cut a dashing figure wielding an epee for the fencing team. But the pen has always been mightier than the sword for Eli.

Growing up in Sea Gate on the west end of Coney Island, Eli remembers the removal of a "No dogs or Jews allowed" sign after the influx of Jews had reached a tipping point.

His career at Brooklyn College (BC) had gaps; he left for the West Coast, worked in a Pontiac plant in Los Angeles, worked on a farm in Cooperstown, New York, returned to BC, played center forward for the basketball team and graduated.

Eli then was a copy boy for the New York Times, wrote briefly for the Journal of Commerce and was employed at the Greenwich Times in Connecticut before the draft board caught up with him. "They called my number," and in 1956 at age 23, he found himself teaching English to Puerto Rican inductees. "It was great duty," said Eli. While in Puerto Rico he and a buddy founded Caribbean and Latin American News Service (CALANS). One adventure took him to Nicaragua where he interviewed ordinary citizens after the assassination of Anastasio Somoza.

After a year with CALANS Eli hooked on as a reporter with the Quincy (Mass.) Patriot Ledger before joining the United States Information Agency (USIA) where assignments took him to Caracas, Barbados, Buenos Aires, Moscow and Madrid. In addition, he worked for Voice of America in Washington, D.C. While with USIA, Eli met his future wife Lucy.

A woman of many accomplishments, Lucy is a formidable writer herself. Born in

Riga, Latvia to Russian parents, Lucy lived in Paris during World War II, where her Russian friend Vicky worked for the French Resistance. After Vicky was captured, deported to Germany, interrogated, tortured and beheaded by the Nazis, Lucy felt compelled to write her biography, entitled simply "Vicky."

A friend of mine, whose family fled Vienna after Hitler's Anschluss, told me he resented the euphemism "lost" when used to describe the fate of those who died in Nazi concentration camps. "We didn't 'lose' our loved ones;

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VOA Worker and Author Lucy Flam Leaves Greenbelt

by Sandra A. Lange

When she was a child living in Riga, Latvia, Lucy Flam thought she would have a very dull life. Born Ludmilla Tchernova 85 years ago, she and her family were part of the Russian community of landowners and intellectuals who fled to Latvia following the 1917 Russian Revolution. Her life became exciting when, in 1939, the Soviet Union occupied the three Baltic states of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, thereby introducing a reign of terror throughout the country that included mass arrests and deportations.

The nightmare of Soviet executions and deportations was followed by the German invasion in 1941. Flam described the torching of villages and destruction of the countryside by German soldiers. Women and children were separated; the women were sent to labor camps in Poland where many perished. At one point, Germany gave permission for over 2,000 orphaned children to be taken by Russian families. Flam's parents decided to adopt one of the children, a six-year-old girl who could barely stand because she was so sick and malnourished. Tiasia became Flam's sister.

In 1944, just prior to the end of World War II, the Tchernova family fled Latvia for Germany. The German government was in need of labor, Flam stated, and her father went to work in a factory. A year later, the war ended and the Americans liberated the displaced persons living there. The family settled in Munich, where the teenage Flam went to a Russian high school. She described this period as the best years. She had an active social life and developed lifelong friend-

ships with some of the students she met. Her entrepreneurial father found an abandoned railroad car filled with baking powder. Before long, he was packaging the baking powder and selling it to stores. "Baking powder kept us alive," she reminisced.

Along with many others living in post-war Europe, her family wanted to come to America. They completed the arduous task of filling out papers, obtained x-rays to prove they did not have tuberculosis and waited patiently for their visas. Then, they found out that another family had stolen the Tchernova family's identities and used their papers to come to America. They were devastated and had to start the immigration process all over again.

In 1948, the Tchernovas moved to Morocco where some relatives were living. When she turned 21 years old Flam decided to improve her English language skills in Paris and London. She returned to Munich to visit an aunt and began working for the Voice of America (VOA), where she met her first husband, who worked for Radio Liberty. By this time, her parents and sister had immigrated to Connecticut. She and her husband followed soon after.

Flam and her first husband raised two children in New York. She also worked as a freelance reporter for the VOA Russian language service and co-hosted a worldwide VOA English weekly program called New York, New York. In 1973, the family moved to Washington, D.C. where she continued to work for VOA. She remembered how gratifying it was when she traveled to

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Saturday, August 20: Nature and Fitness Walk: Join a Park Ranger on a one-mile nature hike on the Azalea Trail. Enjoy the wonders of discovery while learning how to get fit in the park. Beginner friendly! Meet at Sweetgum Picnic Area at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, August 23: How the U.S. Army helped save National Parks: How did National Parks survive the early years? A big thanks goes to the U.S. Army. Learn more about the early history of National Parks. Camp-ground guests and the public are welcome to join us under the stars for a traditional NPS campfire program at the Campfire Circle at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 24: Ranger Talk. Night Sky in Summer is an introduction to astronomy and stargazing, with observation of the night sky at dusk into darkness, and the moon at its brightest and most clear: at full moon phase. Bring flashlight, binoculars, blanket or camp chair. This program is dependent upon weather and will be canceled if raining. Meet at Sweetgum Picnic Area at 8:30 p.m.

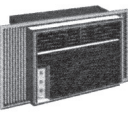
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Moscow for the American Bicentennial Exhibit in 1976 and met some of the people who had clandestinely listened to her VOA broadcasts even though they were heavily jammed by the Soviets.

That same year, Flam's husband died suddenly at age 52. She previously had met Eli Flam when he was temporarily assigned to the VOA after a tour of duty at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. Their romance flourished and they married in 1980.

Flam's 40-year career of travel and cultural exchanges for the VOA ended with her retirement in 1993. She and Eli lived in Washington; then they moved to a house on two acres of land in Port Tobacco. In 2003, they felt that they wanted to spend less time on home maintenance and more time on their personal interests. They discovered Greenbelt.

At first, Flam was not enamored by Greenbelt. The architecture reminded her too much of post-war Germany. Then, she and Eli discovered the amenities in Roosevelt Center that included the New Deal Café, the movie theater and the Aquatic and Fitness Center. They found their home on Pinecrest Court and enjoyed walking their dogs around the lake.

While Eli Flam quickly became a member of the editing staff of the Greenbelt News Review, Lucy Flam busied herself with several book projects. Over the last 20 years she along with two former colleagues and others, began the Books for Russia project. The group collected and shipped more than 100,000 donated books and other publications to Russia. Most of the books were written and published outside of Russia by Russian emigrés and were previously unavailable to the general readership of the country.

Several years ago, Lucy and Eli traveled to Russia for the

opening of the Russian Diaspora Library and Study Center, which is comprised primarily of the books collected by Flam and her colleagues. She also has written several books in Russian. The first one, Vicky, the Princess Vera Obolensky, describes the heroic and tragic tale of the woman who was married to her first husband's uncle. "Vicky and my husband's uncle both joined the French Resistance against German occupation," she recalled. "Both were eventually arrested. He survived a Nazi concentration camp while Vicky was imprisoned, tried and decapitated at age 33," she stated.

The second book, The Lives of a Generation, presents the experiences of Russian emigrés prior to and during World War II. She dedicated the book to her grandfather, who was an outspoken critic of the Soviet regime and died in a prison labor camp. Two summers ago she traveled to the site of the camp in northern Russia. She placed a monument there dedicated to his memory. Flam described the site as "a horrible place. I felt like I was stepping on the bones of those who died in the camp," she recalled sadly.

More recently, she co-edited a collection of memoirs of the post-World War II Russian school she attended while living in Germany. Her next book project, still in the gestation stage, is to write Vicky's story in English.

Flam has devoted her life to nurturing her family, building a 40-year career at the VOA, influencing literary and cultural exchanges between the United States and Russia and writing books commemorating special people she has known. As she and Eli prepare to depart Greenbelt, they leave behind many good friends and neighbors. The exciting and rewarding life she dreamed of as a child did indeed come true.



Eli and Lucy Flam

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of Public Works and Karl's current boss, talked about his "irreplaceable skill set," including his ability to find anything on the internet, earning him the title "Mr. Amazon." Sterling said, "When somebody needs something, everybody goes to Karl. If you need help and want something, he will step up and do it." This type of behavior earned Karl employee of the year, twice.

Karl's former boss and former co-worker Bill Phelan, the retired assistant director of Public Works said, "They won't get another one like Karl." Phelan talked about Karl's creativity and talent in producing a variety of projects, including stone benches, the stone patio at the lake, the stone walkway up to the Community Center and the numerous adopt-a-benches around town. When talking about the adopt-a-benches that Scaggs and his co-workers have built, Karl said for him "It wasn't just a task. It was somebody's mother, or somebody's father, somebody's family member."

Karl has also put a lot of time into building and maintaining infrastructure of our community, such as mowing the ballfields, building bus shelters and bridges and renovating the movie theater. Karl said he wanted "to give people a place to sit and think and to find some peace 'cause the world's kind of hectic."

Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan presented the Scaggses each with a plaque, a check and a gift. The city councilmembers talk-



PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Theresa and Karl Scaggs celebrate their retirement from over 30 years with the city at the American Legion in Greenbelt on Friday, August 12. Karl holds up the plaque given to him by his coworkers with a small tractor similar to the one he used to mow the city fields.

ed about Theresa's friendliness, Karl's humor and the dedication both showed in their positions. Councilmember Edward Putens talked about how Karl was a strong advocate for the public works employees and department. Councilmember Judith Davis explained how Theresa was always there when you needed her, no matter how busy she was, she was always welcoming.

Theresa's and Karl's direct bosses also gave them plaques and cards. Karl's third plaque of the evening was presented to him by his coworkers. It featured a small tractor similar to the one Karl drove when he maintained the city fields.

Karl and Theresa share a giving mindset. Karl said, "Ever

since I was a kid I've got more pleasure out of giving somebody a gift than receiving one and I'm still that way to this day." Theresa's mindset is similar. When asked about her job, Theresa said, "It's like family so you just help as much as you can, whoever you can. You do what you need to do to help them."

During their retirement they will still be helping out. They are moving to West Virginia to help Karl's elderly stepfather on the family's farm. They also have plans to travel and visit family both in and out of Greenbelt.

Theresa said she was too overcome to say much or read her speech or even give it to someone else to read. Karl was emotional when he spoke to the crowd of over 100 friends, co-workers and family. Karl said, "This wasn't just a place to come to work eight hours a day for the last 35 years. This community raised my family." Pointing to Theresa, Karl says, "That was the greatest thing the city gave me."

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they were murdered," he said. Hence I keep Eli's accurate, gruesome word "beheaded."

Eli retired from the USIA in 1988 and began freelancing. He and Lucy moved to Port Tobacco, Md. where Eli wrote dozens of articles and reviews for the Washington Post, Maryland Independent, Charles County News and New Bay Times, which ran 26 installments of Alex and the Eagle. Alex and the Eagle is Eli's recently published novel of adolescent angst and reverence for our lovely earth's damaged ecology. Check it out on Amazon.com.

The literary litany stretches on: Eli also wrote for the Delmarva Farmer, The World and I, Pleasant Living, Washington and World Arts. He edited five non-fiction and poetry books and "with my wife Lucy at my side waded into seven-plus years of making weigh [pun!] with Potomac Review, a quarterly literary magazine that in the end was deeded to Montgomery College. Along the way, after starting up the monthly Reading Lamp newsletter and area TV program, I was garlanded with the Maryland

Library Association Outstanding Volunteer Award in 1995 'for (blush) extraordinary efforts' to promote the Charles County Library."

After Eli and Lucy moved to Greenbelt in 2003, he quickly became a fixture at the Greenbelt News Review. No aspect of our brave utopian experiment escaped his appreciative gaze. For years he nourished readers with droll, witty intelligent reviews of plays at the Greenbelt Arts Center and previews of movies at the Old Greenbelt Theatre, with praise for our Forest Preserve and bicycle paths.

One lovely article (Northway Revisited) in his now defunct column, Footloose, describes with Thoreauvian precision and reverence the sights, sounds, smells of hiking into the woods and back toward Ridge Road, under Crescent Road and into Roosevelt Center.

Asked what he will miss of Greenbelt, Eli answered "the neighborliness, greenery, trails, coziness/doability of eminently reachable Rosie Center . . ."

Bon voyage, Eli and Lucy! We will miss you deeply.

Female Empowerment Documentary Here

On Sunday, August 21 at 3:30 p.m., the Old Greenbelt Theatre will host a special viewing of the documentary, Girl Rising. Caitlin McGrath, the theater's executive director, invites all interested individuals to the screening and a Q&A immediately following on the subject of women and literacy, sponsored by the Greenbelt Community Foundation. For details, go to <http://bit.ly/2aPQnOU>.

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